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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT TACOMA

8 JAMES G. SOUTHARD JR,  
9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 MARY SCOTT,  
12 Defendant.

CASE NO. C13-5718 RBL-KLS  
ORDER

13 This matter has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom  
14 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), Local Rules MJR 3 and 4, and Rule 72 of the Federal Rules of  
15 Civil Procedure. The case is before the Court upon plaintiff's motion for an extension of time to  
16 respond to a motion to dismiss. (Dkt. 19). After reviewing plaintiff's motion and the balance of  
17 the record, the Court finds and ORDERS as follows:

18 Jail officials transferred plaintiff to the Department of Corrections while defendants'  
19 motion to dismiss was pending. Plaintiff informed the Court of this transfer in writing on  
20 November 26, 2013. (Dkt. 18). Prison officials transferred plaintiff from the Washington  
21 Corrections Center to the Washington State Penitentiary and plaintiff informed the Court of this  
22 transfer in writing on December 30, 2013. (Dkt. 20). Transfer from one facility to another  
23 normally involves separation of the inmate from his legal files for a period of time. Plaintiff has  
24 shown good cause for an extension of time to file a response to the pending motion to dismiss.

1 Accordingly, plaintiff's motion for an extension of time to file a response (Dkt. 19)  
2 hereby is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff's response must be filed on or before February 14, 2014.  
3 Defendants' reply must be filed on or before February 21, 2014. The Clerk's Office is directed to  
4 re-note defendants' motion to dismiss, (Dkt. 12), for February 21, 2014.

5 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff.

6 Dated this 7 day of January, 2014.

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9 Karen L. Strombom  
10 United States Magistrate Judge  
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